

MINUTES-3/5/14

Introduction: Adam Skinner

PTA members in attendance:

- Christina Rossetti, VP
- Dawn Gonzalez, secretary
- Ramon Guzman, treasurer
- Christina Guzman
- Holly Sams
- Mary Ann Walsh
- Denise McInnish
- Allen McInnish

Upcoming School/PTA Events

- Jumping Johnnies-3/14 from 6-8 for all grades
 - Flyers went out in Friday folders 3/7
 - Payment due at event (checks made out to Verplanck PTA)
- Bingo night-3/21 from 5:30-6:30
 - Baskets/candy and a 30.00 Toys R Us gift card for prizes
 - Hot chocolate will be provided
- Smencils fundraiser-late March/April
 - Adam to make call

Upcoming PTA meeting-Wednesday, 4/2 @ 5:30

PTA dues

- Dues are \$6.00 per person/\$10.00 per couple
- Checks are accepted-make checks payable to Verplanck PTA
- Your presence is always appreciated at the PTA meetings; however, if you have paid your dues, your vote will count, if dues are not paid, you are not eligible to vote.

Distributed February's PTA meeting minutes

PTA meeting time changed to 5:30 beginning 2/5 throughout the remainder of school year

Vita Beebe and Michelle Balthazrr attended to speak about the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) TESTING.

- See last page for overview

VOTING: N/A

PTA to purchase games for K-5 to have for future use.

Verplanck School collects box tops to collect money for the school. Box tops can be handed in to classroom teacher. (50 per bag is appreciated)

Registering your Stop & Shop rewards card for Verplanck School at Stop & Shop also builds points which collects money towards the school.

PTA EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- April-Ice cream social
- April-possible movie night, April 11
- April-Bingo night
- May-teacher appreciation week-Pastrami on Wry
- May-Ice cream social

UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS

- Wednesday, 4/2/14 @5:30
- Wednesday, 5/7/14 @5:30
- Wednesday, 6/4/14 @5:30

Overview of the NWEA testing

What is NWEA?

NWEA is a computer adaptive educational assessment that measures student growth and progress through a research-based system. The difficulty of the test adjusts based on how a student performs on the questions they answer. Whether student performance is above or below grade-level abilities, the NWEA assessments give teachers data they could use to inform classroom instruction.

When is the NWEA administered?

Manchester Public Schools administer the NWEA in the fall, winter and spring. Our scholars take the mathematics and reading assessment only.

What do the scores mean?

Each student receives a score for each assessment, which is called a RIT score. This score is on a continuum starting at 120 and can extend past 230. Using the fall scores, each student receives a goal for the spring assessment. This goal represents one year's growth.

Student progress report:

YOU WILL RECEIVE A STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT AT CONFERENCES!

This report will show assessment data on a bar graph from the winter of 2013, spring of 2013, fall of 2013 and winter of 2014. For each assessment there are three bars. The first represents the student's data, the second bar represents Manchester Public School's data and the third bar represents NWEA's national normative data.

At the far right side of the graph will show the student's projected spring score. The data is also shown in a box on the right side of the report. Along with the RIT score is a percentile. The percentile means the percentage of students in NWEA's nationally normed group, for this grade, that this student's score equaled or exceeded. For example, if a student's score was in the 65th percentile, then they scored the same or better than 65% of students in that grade nationally.